

PROVIDENCE CITY NEWSLETTER

Upcoming Events

City Council

3rd Wednesdays

April 15th @ 6:00PM

(At the February 19 meeting, the council voted to have only one meeting per month)

Planning Commission

2nd & 4th Wednesdays except July, November and December

Wednesday, April 8th and 22nd

@ 6:00PM

Justice Court

From 4:00PM - 6:00PM

Every Monday, except holidays

Contact Information

Providence City Offices

164 North Gateway Drive

(435) 752-9441

** After-Hours Emergencies **

Fire or police emergencies - 911

Animal control 435-753-7555

(Cache County non-emergency dispatch)

City related issues 752-9441; after hours message will have an on-call number to call a city employee who will respond.

Direct line to the Mayor

(435) 760-8989 cell

johnnd@providence.utah.gov

The Mayor's Memo

The Health Crisis and More

As I'm sure you know, these are challenging times for all of us. There is no one who has not been affected in some way; young, old, parents, students, employees, employers, government entities.

All schools, public, private, elementary, middle, high schools, universities, technical schools have altered their schedules and their instructional methodologies.

All employers are impacted whether they do business with the public or not. Employees are expected to change their work habits; that is if they still have a job.

According to the Utah Taxpayers Association, as of Friday, March 26, weekly initial unemployment benefit claims reached the highest level in the history of our country. Claims were five times higher than the worst week during the Great Recession of 2008 at almost 2.9 million claims.

The stock market has dropped about 25 percent in just over a month in reaction to the impact on the economy. As most of the stock market is invested in retirement funds, almost every working American is impacted. The market is indicator of investor sentiment and faith in the future of the economy.

The Great Depression

An economic crisis almost a century ago resulted in a depression that impacted our country severely. Our parents and grandparents can tell you how they survived. Are we in danger of experiencing the same, or is there light at the end of the tunnel? It depends on which crisis you are talking about.

There are encouraging signs that the Coronavirus is peaking with the number of cases and fatalities in many countries flattening or headed down. A report from Italy that has suffered some of the worse says that over 99% of Coronavirus related fatalities had at least one other serious illness that was life-threatening by itself; its called "comorbidity." That message is clear that a healthy immune system is key to fighting the disease.

But the political crisis is another story. It seems to be more intense every day. The closures and lockdowns continue to be more widespread. Unemployed and locked down people will have their patience worn thin.

By what measures will we determine that the crisis is over; who decides? What will our country look like after this? We will be able to shake hands again? Give someone a hug? Only see our grandkids on video?

What happens when next year's virus appears?

John Drew, Providence City Mayor

HELP THE CACHE FOOD PANTRY HELP YOUR NEIGHBOR

YOUR DONATION MATCHED, DOLLAR FOR DOLLAR

You may not realize it, but it is likely that you have neighbors and friends that have become unemployed, or underemployed due to the emergency. According to a Reuters/Ipsos poll released Friday, March 27, almost 1 in 4 Americans have been fired or furloughed due to the virus; that's 25%. Another news story dated March 22 quotes the Federal Reserve of St Louis President as predicting unemployment of 30%.

Consider the number of even well-off families are living paycheck to paycheck. Those people may have trouble meeting their obligations, but first and foremost may find themselves unable to put food on the table for their family. Where would they go?

The City of Providence is offering to match, dollar for dollar donations to the Cache Food Pantry <https://cachefoodpantry.com> up to a maximum of \$5,000. Myself and Ryan Snow, our City Manager have initiated the effort by each writing a check for \$200 which will be matched by the City.

If you are interested in making a donation, make a check out to Cache Food Pantry and drop it off at the City office. We will prepare a check in an equal amount and deliver both to the Pantry.

—John Drew, Mayor

City Office Administration



Skarlet Bankhead
Administrative Services

Please Use the Providence Pipeline to Stay Connected

We will be sending updates via our Pipeline communication system. If you haven't signed up for the Pipeline, here is the link <https://app.pigeonsms.com/subscription/4/new>. There is also a link on left column on our home page, www.providencecity.com. To manage your Pipeline choices, text the word SETTINGS to 435-752-9441. You will get a link back you can click on and change your settings. Apply and Pay Online

So you don't have to come in to the City office, the following applications are now available to apply and pay online:

- Business licenses, <http://providencecity.com/business-licenses/>
- Dog licenses, <http://providencecity.com/dog-licenses/>
- Utility service, <http://providencecity.com/utility-set-up/>
- Land Use applications, <http://providencecity.com/maps-and-forms/>

Providence City is still accepting registrations for park reservations and our recreation programs. However, with the many changes resulting from guidelines to slow the spread of the coronavirus, it may be necessary to delay starting dates for our programs. If it becomes necessary to cancel a program, we will issue refunds. Please visit our website for updates.

We will also send updates via our Pipeline communication system. If you haven't signed up for the Pipeline, here is the link <https://app.pigeonsms.com/subscription/4/new>. There is also a link on left column on our home page, www.providencecity.com.

In keeping with the social distancing guidelines, directives from the Governor, and the Bear River Health Department public health order, we have closed our playgrounds and park restrooms.

Youth Baseball and Softball Registration

Register online at providence.sportsites.com/player:

- Youth baseball and softball open now through May 8
- Fun in the Sun is open now through May 22
- Adult Kickball – April 3 – June 26; games are scheduled to begin in August

Help Wanted

We are now accepting applications for seasonal positions. Applications and job descriptions are available on our website, <http://www.providencecity.com/jobs-available.htm>. For information contact Diane Campbell, dcampbell@providence.utah.gov or 435-752-9441.

- Fun in the Sun Directors and assistants.
- Scorekeepers and Umpires
- Tennis and Pickleball Instructors

— Skarlet Bankhead, Administrative Services Administrator

Public Works

Green Waste

The green waste bins are now at the Public Works Facility (350 East Center) and available for use. As per Logan City, the dumpsters will only be available from April 6th through May 1st and will then return again for one month in the fall.

Logan City does offer a green waste curb side pickup. The charge is \$5.00/month and the can is picked up every Wednesday. The season begins the end of March and runs through mid-November. If you are interested in this service, please contact Logan City at 435.716.7955.

We have requested from Logan City one garbage dumpster for spring cleanup. Watch for the dumpster around the 17th of April and it will be here for 2 weeks. Please do not place garbage on the ground if the dumpster is full and **tires are not allowed.**

There will also be a dumpster at the Public Works Facility for metal items.

Just as a reminder, the City will no longer be picking up branches, please use the green waste bins at the Public Works Facility.

Water Meters

We will start reading water meters April 15th, please make sure that the **entire** water meter lid is accessible to the readers.

—Rob Stapley, Public Works Director

It's Spring Cleaning Time!

Now that it is finally spring, everyone is getting busy doing their yard work. This is definitely a spring that we will never forget. We are asked to stay at home as much as possible during this unique time. I'm sure everyone has a little more time to spend on their yard work because of this. Here are some things to think about while you are out working.

Don't rake or sweep debris into your gutter or storm drain. Check your gutter and sweep up any debris that might be in it. If you have a storm drain by you, and it has leaves or other debris covering it, try to clean it out as best as you can. Instead of spraying your driveway with water to get it clean, try to sweep it and throw away what you sweep up.

Storm water does not get treated like all of our other water does. We need to do our part to help keep it as clean as possible.

—April Fredrickson, Storm Water Technician, Code Enforcement Officer

Public Comments are Requested

Our City General plan is on the website and we are taking public comments through April 13th.

We are still collecting input into our City Celebration, until April 15th click here: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/7CVFPWG>, or here:



—Ryan Snow, City Manager

Providence City Offices Move to Partial Closure

Press Release - March 30, 2020

Providence City is deeply concerned for the welfare of its employees and the general public. Therefore at this time, **Ryan Snow, City Manager** has determined to move to a **PARTIAL CLOSURE** status for City Hall.

We continue to encourage citizens to conduct as much business with the city online as possible. Visit us at Providencecity.com. If transactions cannot be completed online, appointments can be made with individual departments.

Beginning Monday, March 30, 2020, access to City Hall will be by appointment only. Please call the City office before arriving so accommodations can be made to allow access and conduct business following the precautionary protocols set by the CDC and the Bear River Health Department for the COVID-19 pandemic. Of course, the current situation is fluid, and things can change quickly, but we believe this is the best practice for our government offices at this time.

It is anticipated that this partial closure will continue through May 1, 2020. We will get through this with your support and patience. Thank you for your understanding. We support the governor's **STAY SAFE STAY HOME** directive.

All Departments may be reached though calling our main line 435-752-9441

City Manager	Ryan Snow - ryansnow2@providence.utah.gov
Business Licensing / Cemetery	Esther Cowley - ecowley@providence.utah.gov
City Recorder / Development Services	Skarlet Bankhead - sbankhead@providence.utah.gov
Court	Beth Munson - bmunson@providence.utah.gov
Public Works Inquiries	Kris Hobbs - khobbs@providence.utah.gov
	Tara Bankhead - tbankhead@providence.utah.gov
	Rob Stapley - rstapley@providence.utah.gov
Utility Payments	Jesse Bardsley - jbardsley@providence.utah.gov
Storm Water / Zoning	April Fredrickson - aprilf@providence.utah.gov
Mayor	John Drew - johnd@providence.utah.gov

—Ryan Snow, City Manager

Urgent notice from Logan City Sewer Department

Wastewater from Providence City is carried through a gravity-fed sewer system, and flows under Highway 165 to pipelines in Logan. From there, to the treatment plant east of Logan City. The following is an urgent message from Logan sewer department.

Please stop flushing garbage down the toilet. We are seeing it firsthand. The only paper product that should be flushed is toilet paper. Any paper product, other than toilet paper, even those marked 'flushable,' 'biodegradable,' or 'compostable,' do not dissolve like toilet paper in water. Any kind of wipes, rags, paper towels, diapers, etc. can cause damage that requires costly repairs to laterals at the homeowner's expense, and costly repairs to sewer mains and sewer pumping stations at the taxpayers' expense.

Whether it be your street that backs up sewer into your basements, or simply the fact that your tax dollars go to avoidable sewer repairs, we are all in this together. Be a good neighbor and citizen and make sure the only paper your toilet sees is toilet paper.

—John Drew, Mayor

Urgent Message from the American Red Cross

Blood collecting efforts have been affected by the virus emergency with many drives being cancelled across the country.

Unfortunately, during these unprecedented times there is no certain end date in this fight against the coronavirus and this public health crisis appears to be far from over. The Red Cross encourages individuals to keep scheduling blood donation appointments for the weeks ahead to ensure a stable blood supply throughout this pandemic. To support the nation's blood supply, the Red Cross is urging blood drive hosts to maintain scheduled blood drives wherever possible.

American Red Cross Blood Drives are considered an essential service and NOT "gatherings". These drives are administered by trained health care professionals for the purpose of enabling the treatment of patients requiring blood transfusion necessary for survival. All CDC guidelines/ including social distancing are followed fully.

For more information go to www.redcross.org/utah.

—John Drew, Mayor

From CORONAVIRUS.GOV

Listen and follow the directions of your **STATE AND LOCAL AUTHORITIES**

IF YOU FEEL SICK, stay at home. Do not go to work

IF YOUR CHILDREN ARE SICK, keep them at home. Contact your medical provider.

IF YOU ARE AN OLDER PERSON, or have a serious underlying health condition, stay home and away from other people.

If someone in your household has **TESTED POSITIVE**, keep the entire household at home.

EVEN IF YOU ARE YOUNG, OR OTHERWISE HEALTHY, YOU ARE AT RISK AND YOUR ACTIVITIES CAN INCREASE THE RISK FOR OTHERS. IT IS CRITICAL THAT YOU DO YOUR PART TO SLOW THE SPREAD OF THE CORONAVIRUS.

Work or study **FROM HOME** whenever possible.

AVOID SOCIAL GATHERINGS in groups of more than 10 people.

Avoid eating or drinking at bars and restaurants – **USE PICKUP OR DELIVERY OPTIONS.**

AVOID DISCRETIONARY TRAVEL, shopping trips and social visits.

DO NOT VISIT nursing homes or retirement or long-term care facilities unless to provide critical assistance.

ALWAYS PRACTICE GOOD HYGENE:

- *Wash your hands, especially after touching any frequently used item or surface.*
- *Avoid touching your face.*
- *Sneeze or cough into a tissue, or the inside of your elbow.*
- *Disinfect frequently used items and surfaces as much as possible.*



Our Crossing Guards are at Work, Even if School is Out

Thank you to all of our wonderful Crossing Guards who are still there for students that stop by the school to pick up meals. Even though school is NOT in session THANK YOU for obeying school crossing lights, signs, and crossing guards that continue to be active every weekday.

— Beth Munson, Crossing Guard Supervisor